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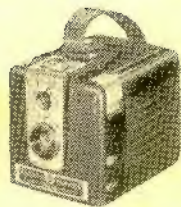
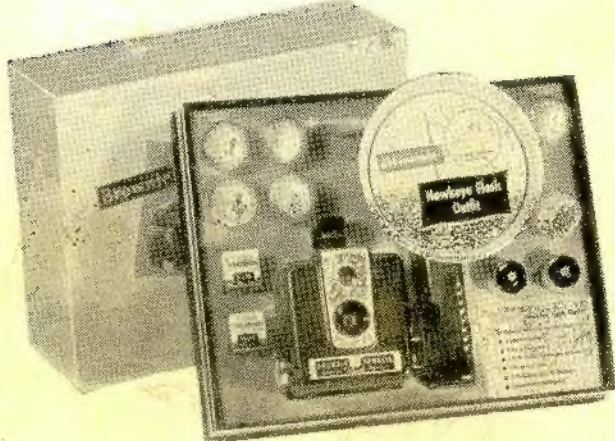
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BIG TOWN

WHAT CAUSES A
MAN TO BECOME A
HERMIT IN A CITY
OF MILLIONS?
ACE CRIME
REPORTER
STEVE WILSON
UNCOVERS THE
STARTLING STORY
OF... *"The
HERMIT of
BIG TOWN!"*





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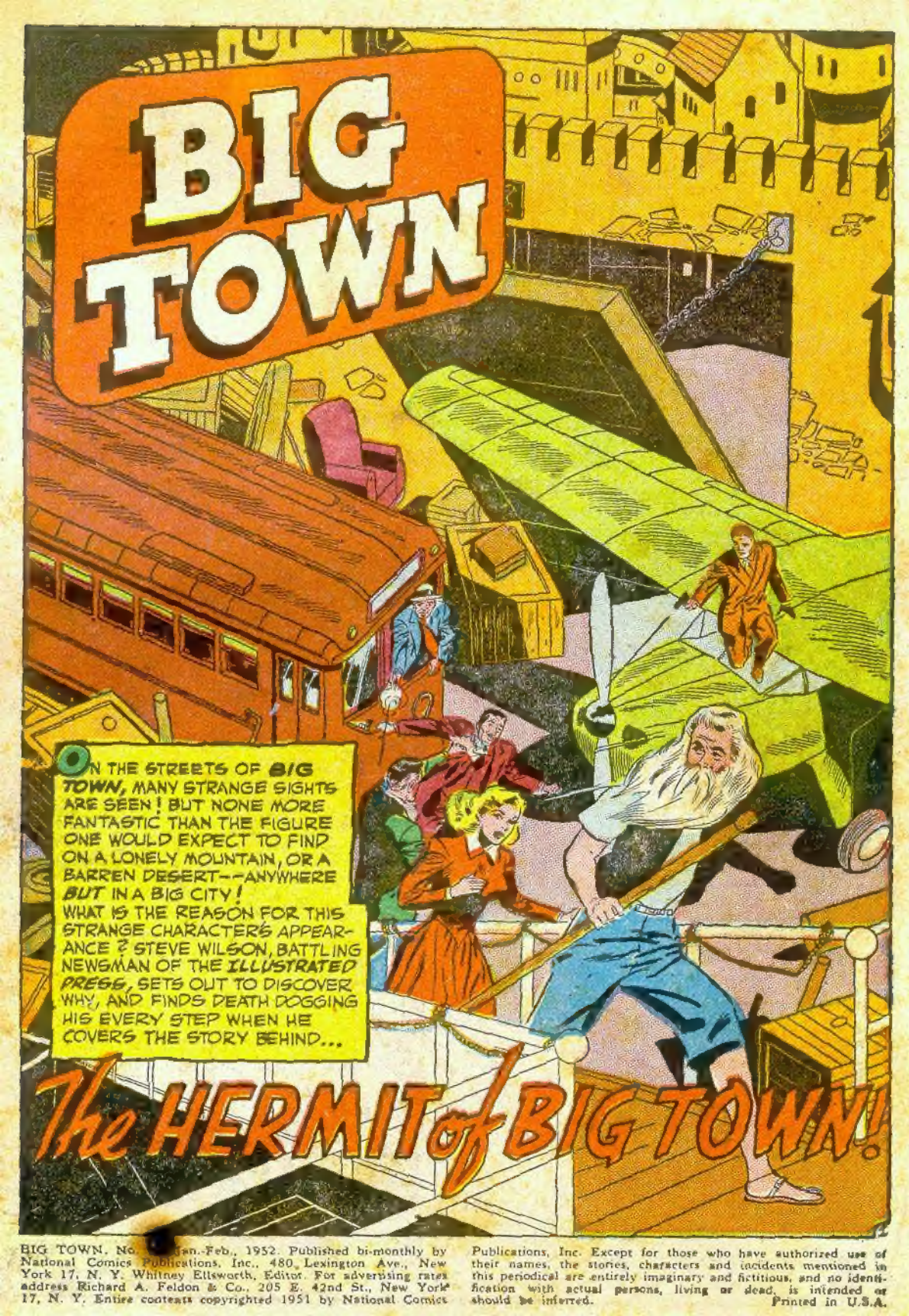
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ON THE STREETS OF **BIG TOWN**, MANY STRANGE SIGHTS ARE SEEN! BUT NONE MORE FANTASTIC THAN THE FIGURE ONE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND ON A LONELY MOUNTAIN, OR A BARREN DESERT--ANYWHERE BUT IN A BIG CITY!

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS STRANGE CHARACTER'S APPEARANCE? STEVE WILSON, BATTLING NEWSMAN OF THE **ILLUSTRATED PRESS**, SETS OUT TO DISCOVER WHY, AND FINDS DEATH DOGGING HIS EVERY STEP WHEN HE COVERS THE STORY BEHIND...

The HERMIT of BIG TOWN!

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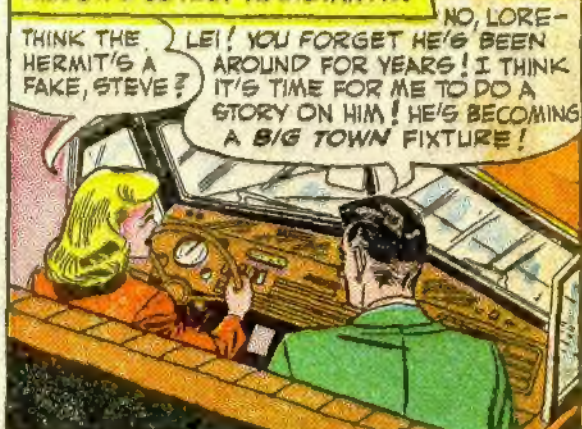
BIG TOWN IS A GREAT METROPOLIS... TEEMING WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE...



BUT THE STRANGEST CHARACTER OF ALL IN THIS BIG CITY IS-- THE HERMIT OF BIG TOWN!



THAT SAME QUESTION IS BEING ASKED BY LORELEI KILBOURNE, ACE NEWSMAN STEVE WILSON'S LOVELY ASSISTANT...



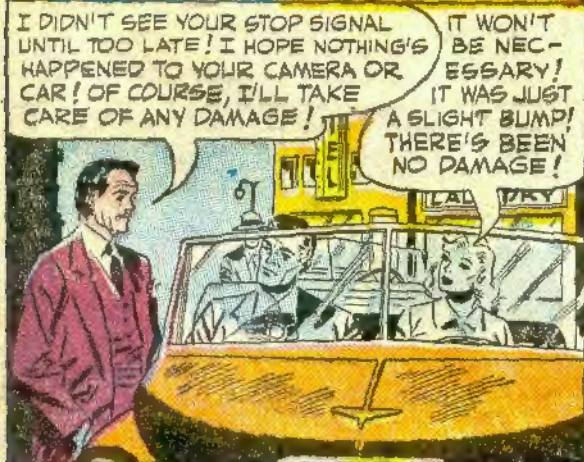
STOP THE CAR, LORELEI! I'LL TAKE A PICTURE OF THE HERMIT WITH MY CANDID CAMERA! IT WILL DRESS UP THE STORY!



BUT, JUST AS LORELEI SIGNALS SHE'S STOPPING...



THE DRIVER IN THE CAR BEHIND THE GIRL REPORTER'S, HURRIES OUT AND...



AS THE STRANGER DRIVES AWAY...



THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS REPORTERS CONTINUE TO THEIR NEWSPAPER OFFICE, UNAWARE THAT THEY ARE BEING OBSERVED...



MEANWHILE, IN THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS' DARK ROOM...



SHORTLY, IN STEVE'S OFFICE...





IT'S NOT HARD TO TRACE THE HERMIT ON HIS WAY THROUGH **BIG TOWN**! HE APPEARS LIKE CLOCKWORK! WHY, PEOPLE DON'T EVEN NOTICE HIS APPEARANCE ANYMORE!

BUT THEY WOULD-- IF HE *DIDN'T* APPEAR! MMM--? LORELEI! I WONDER IF THAT CAR THAT BUMPED US MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE HERMIT'S DISAPPEARANCE!

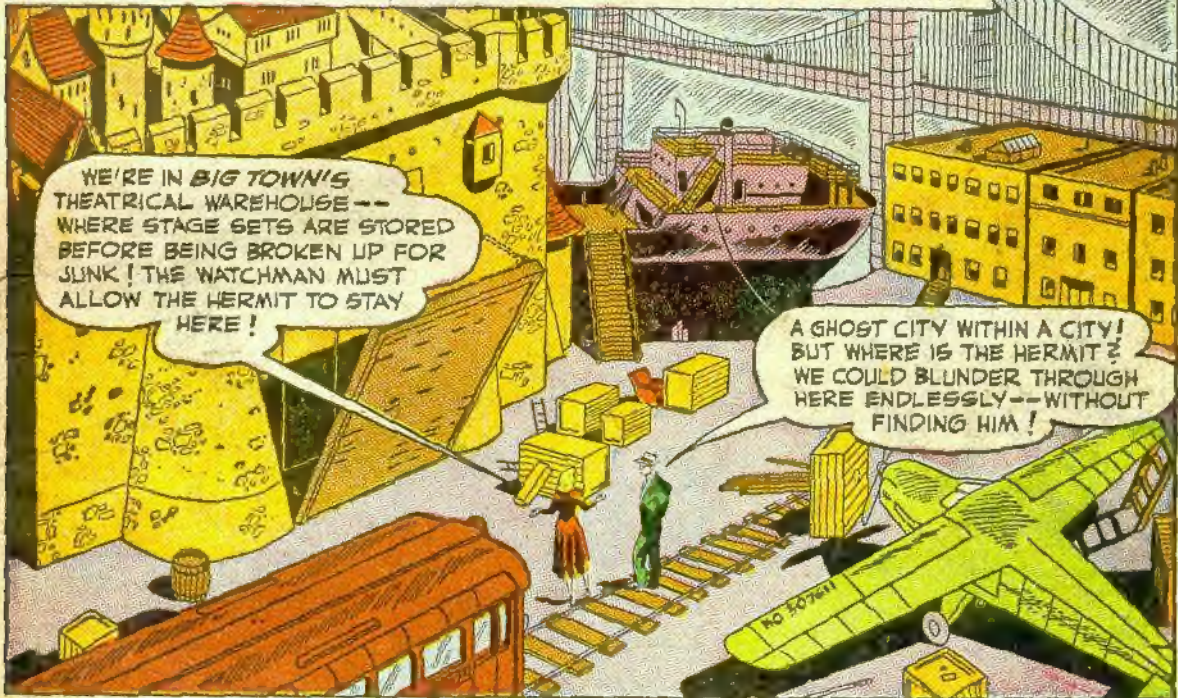
JUST THEN...

HOW CAN YOU TALK OF THE HERMIT'S DISAPPEARANCE, STEVE, WHEN HE'S BEEN IN PLAIN SIGHT OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ALL DAY!... LOOK! THERE HE IS NOW-- GOING INTO THAT WAREHOUSE!

I'VE GOT A WILD THEORY-- THAT MIGHT NOT TURN OUT TO BE SO WILD-- AFTER I'VE HAD A TALK WITH HIM!



INSIDE THE GIANT WAREHOUSE, THE TRAILING REPORTERS PAUSE IN DISMAY...



WE'RE IN **BIG TOWN'S** THEATRICAL WAREHOUSE-- WHERE STAGE SETS ARE STORED BEFORE BEING BROKEN UP FOR JUNK! THE WATCHMAN MUST ALLOW THE HERMIT TO STAY HERE!

A GHOST CITY WITHIN A CITY! BUT WHERE IS THE HERMIT? WE COULD BLUNDER THROUGH HERE ENDLESSLY-- WITHOUT FINDING HIM!

AS THE **BIG TOWN** REPORTERS BEGIN THEIR STRANGE SEARCH, STEVE HEARS A FAMILIAR SOUND AND...



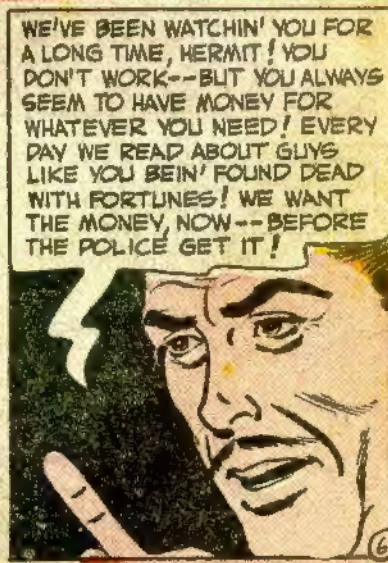
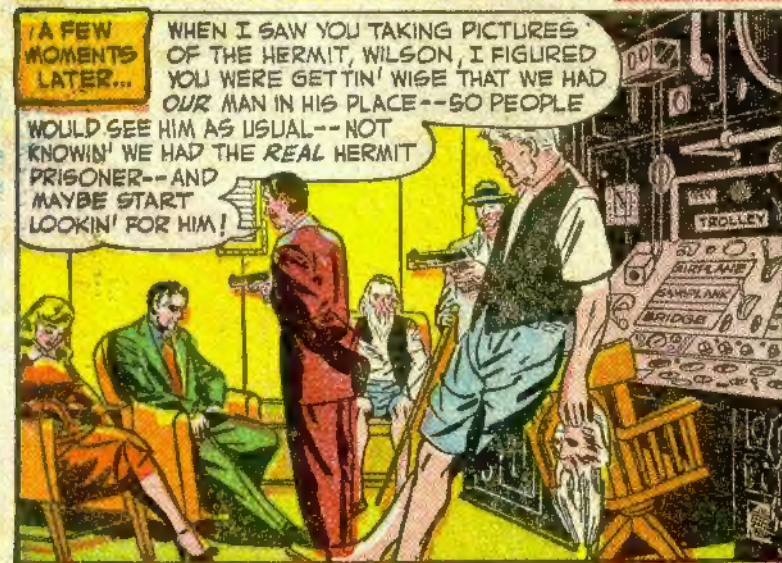
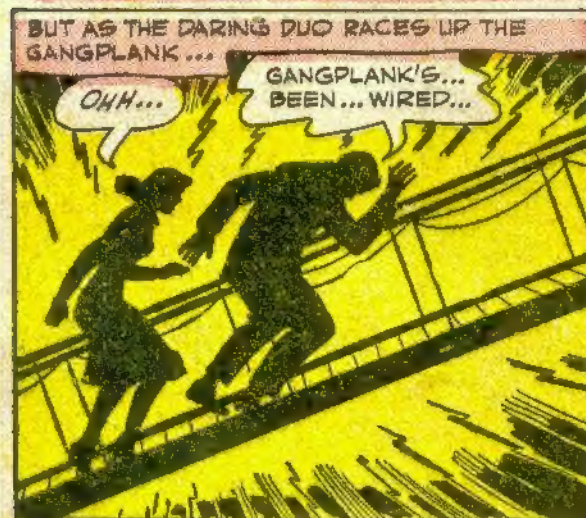
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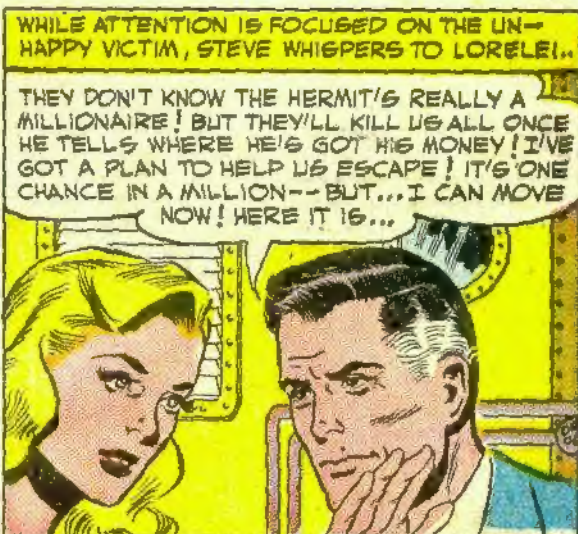
THE PROPELLER-- IT STARTED TO TURN!

THAT PLANE WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED! THE PROP REMOTE-CONTROLLED!

STEVE!... THE TROLLEY--!









BIG TOWN



BUT STEVE'S CRY TO LORELEI IS A SIGNAL WHICH SHE ANSWERS...



THEY FORGOT THEY LEFT LORELEI ABLE TO TURN ON THE JUICE ON THIS WIRED GANGPL — UHH..!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, LORELEI AND THE HERMIT RACE TO STEVE'S AID...



BY COMING TO MY HELP, MR. WILSON, YOU RESTORED MY CONFIDENCE IN PEOPLE! IT WAS SHATTERED WHEN MY BROTHER WAS MURDERED! I WAS SURE I'D BE NEXT! THAT'S WHY I IMAGINED I'D BE SAFE AS A HERMIT! I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD THREATEN A MAN WHO LOOKED AS IF HE HAD NOTHING!



I'M GOING TO TAKE MY RIGHTFUL PLACE IN SOCIETY, MR. WILSON! YOU SHOWED ME YOU CAN'T FIGHT CRIME BY HIDING FROM IT!

BUT, HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO LIVE, MR. JEFFERS?



I HID MY MONEY IN THIS STAFF! SEE!

AND THE GANG LEADER HAD HIS HANDS ON IT ALL THE TIME! WOW-- WHAT A STORY!

THE END

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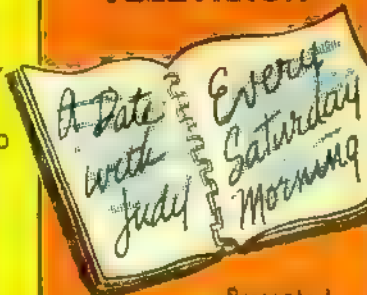
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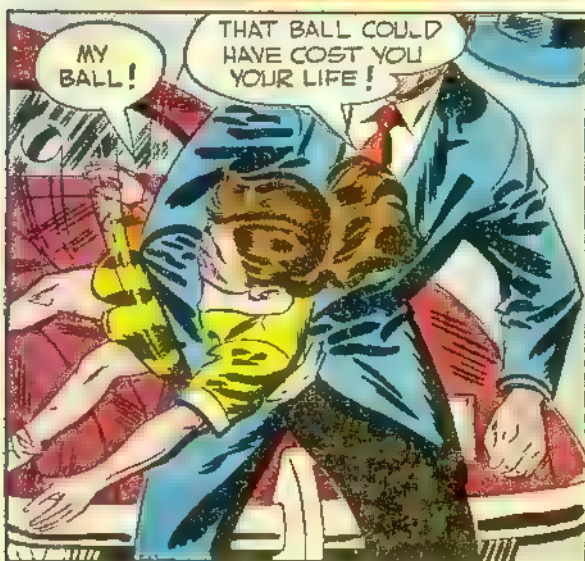
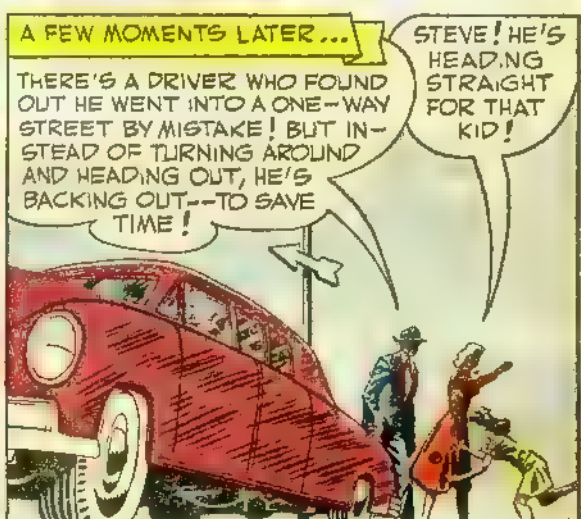
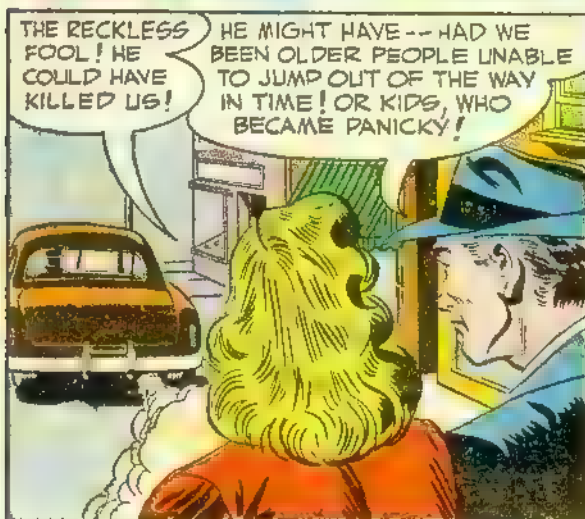
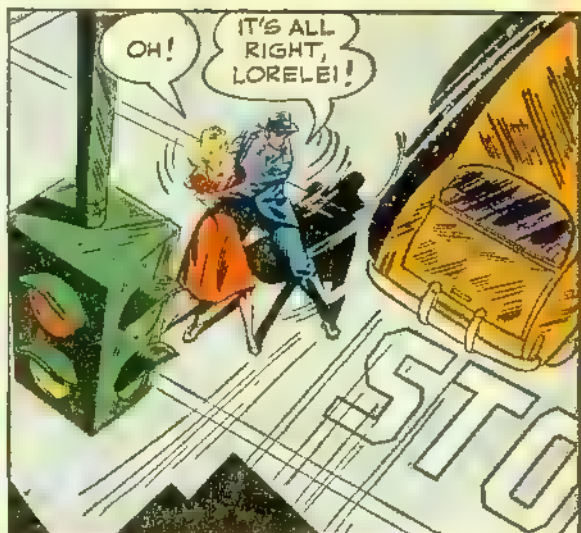
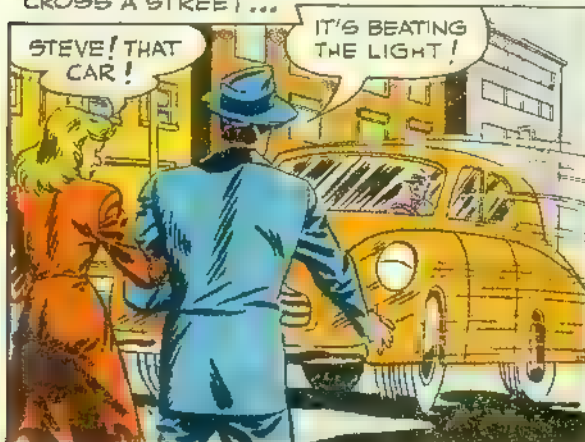


NO ONE WOULD HAVE DREAMED THAT YOUNG BILL THOMAS' ENTIRE LIFE WOULD BE CHANGED WHEN HE CARELESSLY DROVE THROUGH A TRAFFIC LIGHT! LEAST OF ALL STEVE WILSON, WHO REPORTED THIS INCIDENT IN A SERIES OF TRAFFIC VIOLATOR STORIES!

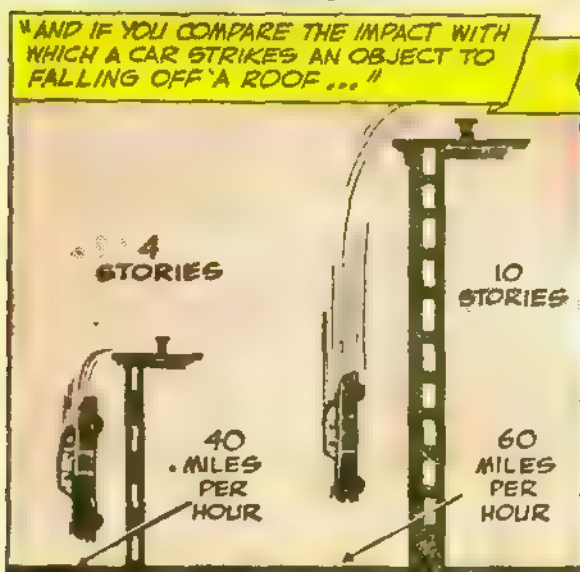
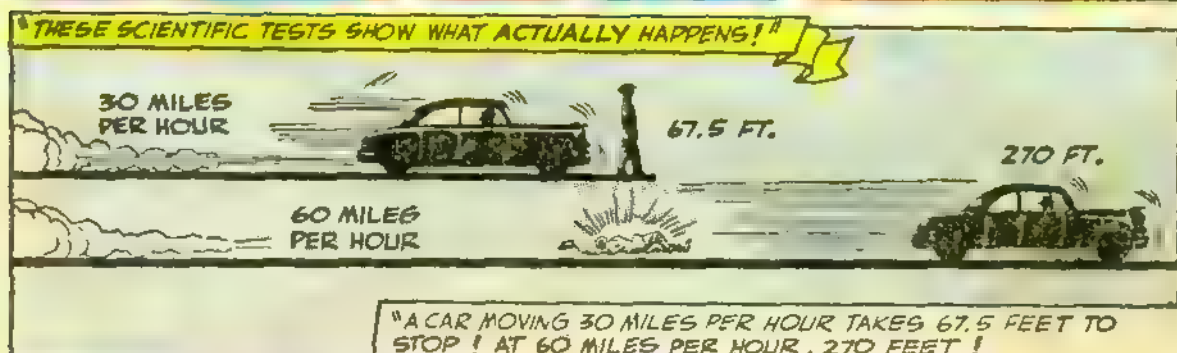
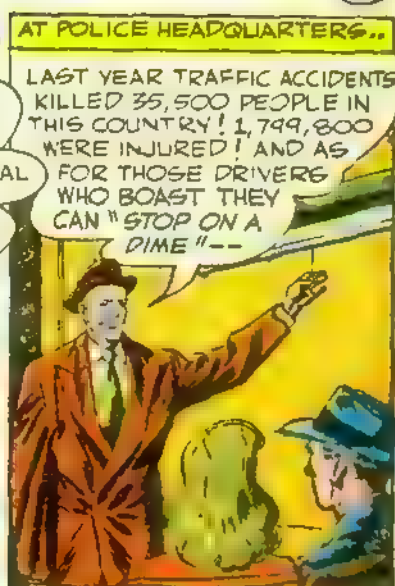
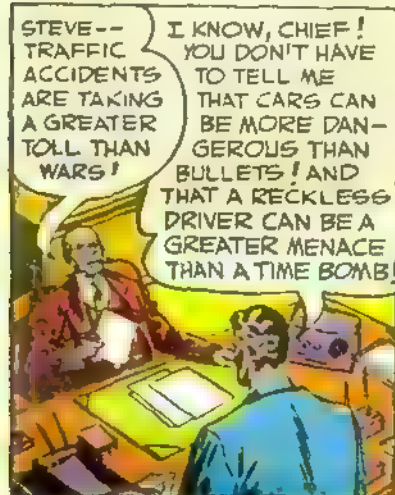
BUT THEN **BIG TOWN'S** ACE NEWSMAN FOUND HIMSELF FIGHTING FOR THE VERY MAN HE HAD WARNED, WHEN HE BECAME CONVINCED THAT SOMEONE HAD CHOSEN HIM TO BE HIS OWN ...

STAND-IN FOR MURDER!

AS STEVE WILSON, ACE NEWSMAN OF **BIG TOWN'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS**, AND HIS LOVELY ASSISTANT, LORELEI KILBOURNE, CROSS A STREET...



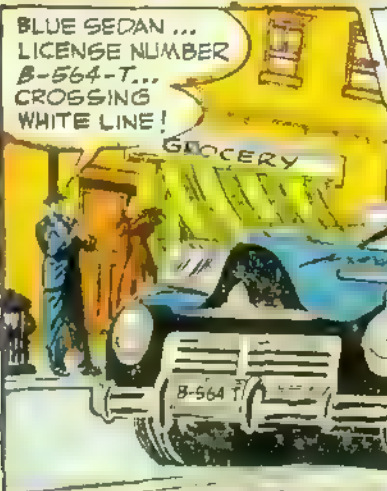
LATER THAT AFTERNOON, THE FIGHTING REPORTER IS SUMMONED BY HIS PUBLISHER.



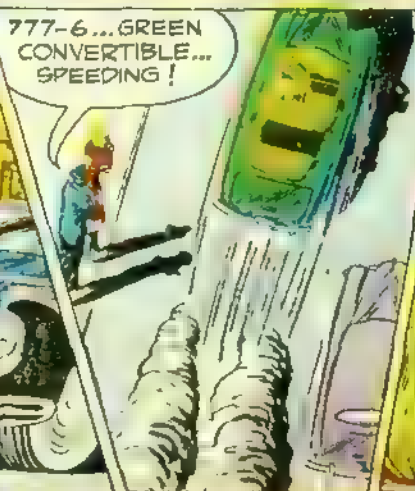
AT 40 MILES PER HOUR THE IMPACT IS THAT OF FALLING DOWN A 4-STORY BUILDING! AT 60 MILES PER HOUR--A 10-STORY BUILDING!



ON A BUSY STREET CORNER, SHORTLY STEVE STATIONS HIMSELF, AND AS TIME GOES BY...



BLUE SEDAN ...
LICENSE NUMBER
B-564-T...
CROSSING
WHITE LINE!



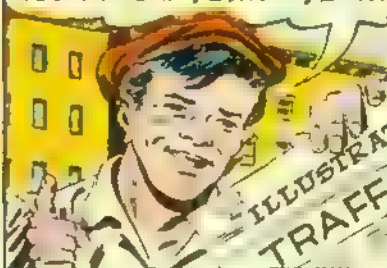
777-6...GREEN
CONVERTIBLE...
SPEEDING!



COLPE... GRAY...
LICENSE WT-444.
TURNING INTO
PLAY STREET!

AND IN THE NEXT EDITION OF
THE *ILLUSTRATED PRESS*...

DID YOU BREAK A TRAFFIC
LAW TODAY AND THINK YOU GOT
AWAY WITH IT? MAYBE YOU
DIDN'T! READ STEVE WILSON'S
EYE-WITNESS STORY ON RECK-
LESS DRIVERS AND FIND OUT IF
YOU'RE ONE! EXTRA! EXTRA!



A FEW DAYS LATER ...

ANOTHER LIGHT-
JUMPER! BT-111...
RED SEDAN--

OH, STEVE! HE'S
GOING TO HIT
THAT DOG!



LOOK AT HIM TURN
TO AVOID
HITTING
THE DOG!

I'VE GOT TO GIVE
HIM CREDIT FOR
THAT--ALTHOUGH
HE WOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
INTO THAT SPOT
IF HE HAD WAITED
FOR THE LIGHT TO
CHANGE!



THE NEXT DAY, AT THE
ILLUSTRATED PRESS
BUILDING ...

YOU'VE BEEN
DOING GREAT WORK, STEVE!
EVERYONE'S READING YOUR
EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS!
BIG TOWN SAFETY CLUBS
ARE FORMING! THE ACCIDENT
RATE IS GOING DOWN! YOU'VE
EARNED A VACATION! I'M
GOING TO SEE THAT
YOU GET IT!



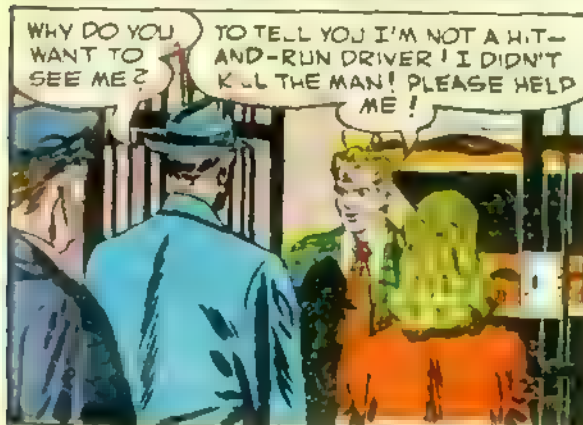
JUST THEN--AN UNEXPECTED
VISITOR--INSPECTOR
CALLAHAN!

STEVE! THAT
RED SEDAN YOU NOTED THREE
DAYS AGO! LICENSE BT-111--
THE LIGHT-JUMPER! WE'VE
GOT HIM FOR HIT-AND-RUN
DRIVING! THE VICTIM'S DEAD!
BUT THE DRIVER INSISTS ON
TALKING TO YOU!



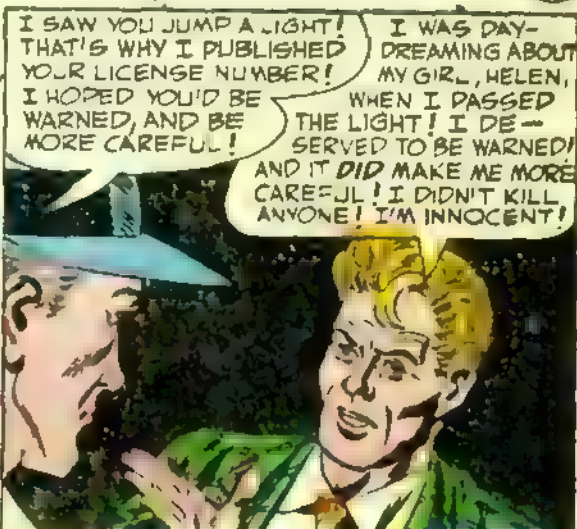
THERE
GOES MY VACATION!

IN BIG TOWN JAIL, BILL THOMAS, OWNER OF THE RED SEDAN BEARING THE LICENSE NUMBER BT-III, ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER, APPEALS TO THE ACE CRIME REPORTER ...



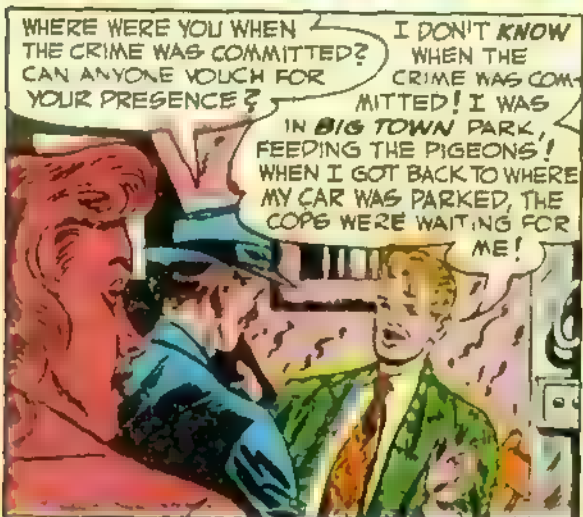
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

TO TELL YOU I'M NOT A HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER! I DIDN'T KILL THE MAN! PLEASE HELP ME!



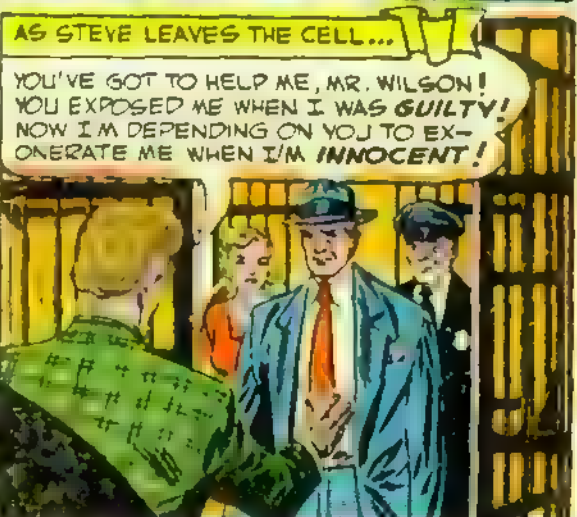
I SAW YOU JUMP A LIGHT! THAT'S WHY I PUBLISHED YOUR LICENSE NUMBER! I HOPED YOU'D BE WARNED, AND BE MORE CAREFUL!

I WAS DAY-DREAMING ABOUT MY GIRL, HELEN, WHEN I PASSED THE LIGHT! I DESERVED TO BE WARNED! AND IT DID MAKE ME MORE CAREFUL! I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE! I'M INNOCENT!



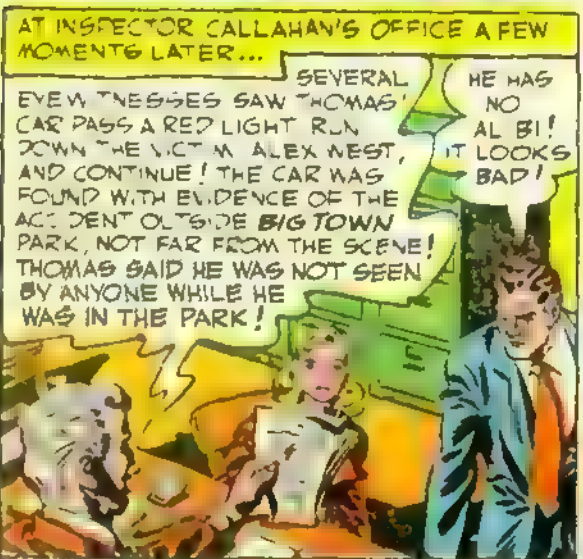
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED? CAN ANYONE VOUCH FOR YOUR PRESENCE?

I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED! I WAS IN BIG TOWN PARK, FEEDING THE PIGEONS! WHEN I GOT BACK TO WHERE MY CAR WAS PARKED, THE COPS WERE WAITING FOR ME!



AS STEVE LEAVES THE CELL...

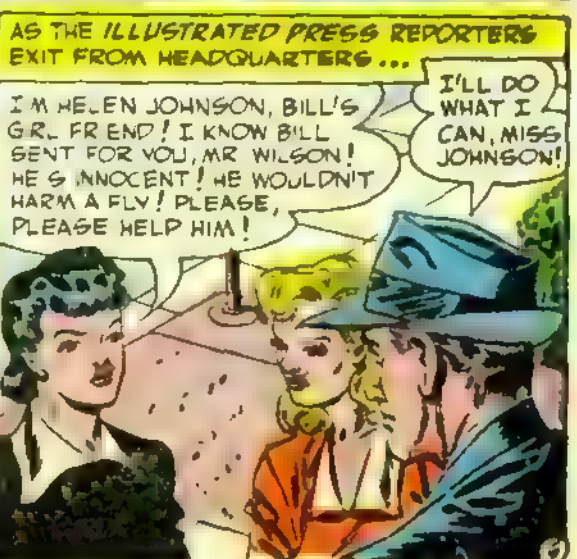
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, MR. WILSON! YOU EXPOSED ME WHEN I WAS GUILTY! NOW I'M DEPENDING ON YOU TO EXONERATE ME WHEN I'M INNOCENT!



AT INSPECTOR CALLAHAN'S OFFICE A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

SEVERAL EYEWITNESSES SAW THOMAS' CAR PASS A RED LIGHT RUN DOWN THE VICTIM ALEX NEST, AND CONTINUE! THE CAR WAS FOUND WITH EVIDENCE OF THE ACCIDENT OUTSIDE BIG TOWN PARK, NOT FAR FROM THE SCENE! THOMAS SAID HE WAS NOT SEEN BY ANYONE WHILE HE WAS IN THE PARK!

HE HAS NO ALBI! IT LOOKS BAD!

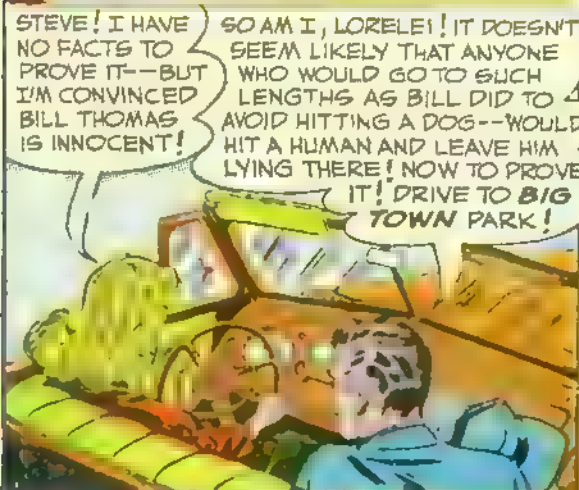


AS THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS REPORTERS EXIT FROM HEADQUARTERS...

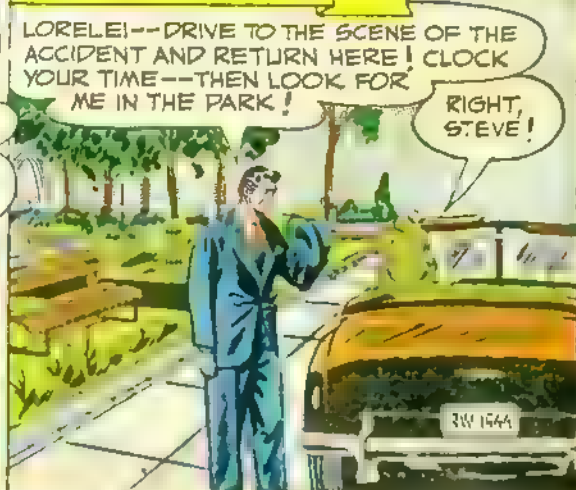
I'M HELEN JOHNSON, BILL'S GIRL FRIEND! I KNOW BILL SENT FOR YOU, MR. WILSON! HE'S INNOCENT! HE WOULDN'T HARM A FLY! PLEASE, PLEASE HELP HIM!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, MISS JOHNSON!

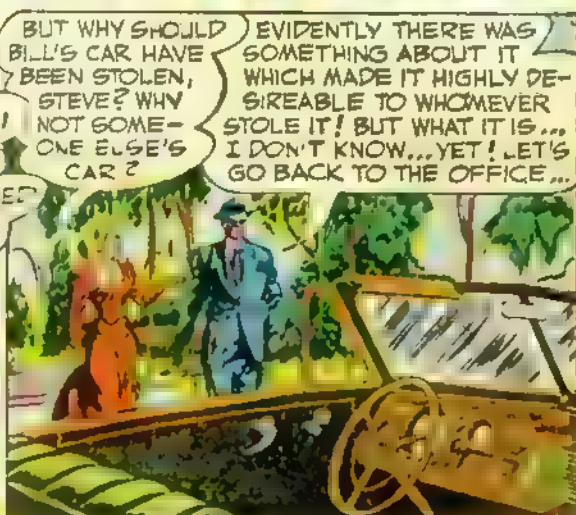
AFTER HELEN IS ESCORTED TO HER HOME ...



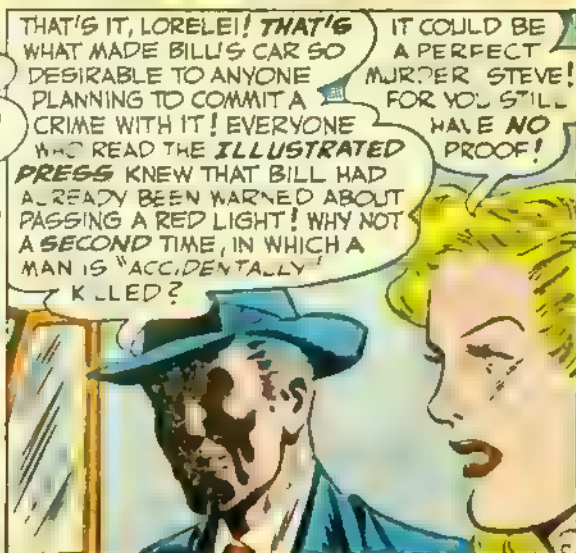
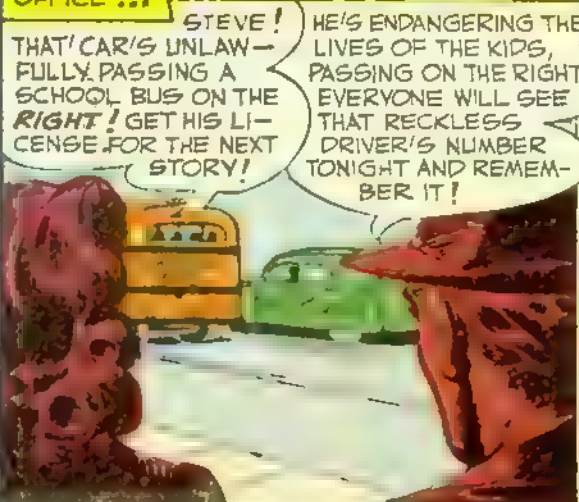
AT BIG TOWN PARK ...



SOON AFTER ...



EN ROUTE TO THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE ...



AT THE NEWSPAPER'S MORGUE, WHICH CONTAINS EXHAUSTIVE FILES...

WE KNOW THAT ALEX WEST, THE DEAD MAN, WAS A TOTAL STRANGER TO BILL THOMAS! THEREFORE WE HAVE TO FIND SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN WEST AND HIS KILLER! ANYTHING YET, LORELEI?

STEVE! FIVE YEARS AGO, ALEX WEST WAS A STATE'S STAR WITNESS AGAINST GANGSTER "ANGLE MAN" DAVIS! HIS FEARLESS TESTIMONY HELPED CONVICT DAVIS! HERE'S DAVIS' PICTURE!

STEVE HURRIEDLY CONTACTS INSPECTOR CALLAHAN...

"ANGLE MAN" DAVIS? HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST WEEK! WHAT'S UP, STEVE?

JUST A HUNCH, INSPECTOR! I'LL CONTACT YOU IF ANYTHING HAPPENS!



OUTSIDE THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS BUILDING A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

OH--MY CAR HAS A FLAT!

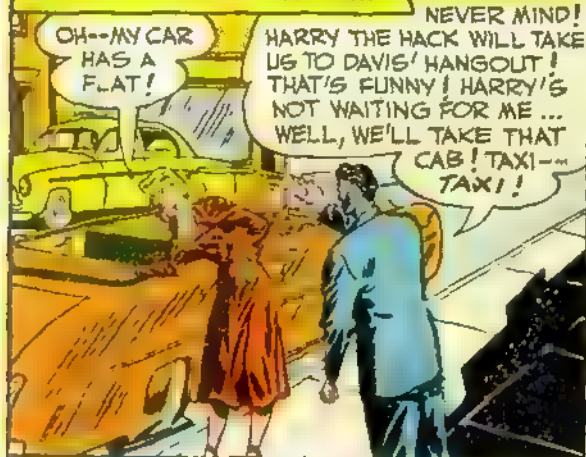
NEVER MIND! HARRY THE HACK WILL TAKE US TO DAVIS' HANGOUT! THAT'S FUNNY! HARRY'S NOT WAITING FOR ME... WELL, WE'LL TAKE THAT CAB! TAXI-- TAXI!!

ENROUTE TO THE GANGSTER'S HANGOUT...

DRIVER! YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY! YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!

NATURALLY! THAT'S WHERE YOU TWO ARE GOIN' TO END UP IN FOR STICKIN' YOUR NOSE IN MY BUSINESS! THAT'S THE ANGLE! GET IT?

"ANGLE MAN" DAVIS!



BEFORE THE ACE NEWSMAN CAN MAKE A MOVE--THE CAR STOPS AND, FROM TWO NEIGHBORING CARS...

MY BOYS HAVE BEEN TAILIN' US! THEY'RE HERE TO SEE THAT YOU'LL BEHAVE!

IT'S CLEAR YOU GAVE LORELEI'S CAR A FLAT AND SENT HARRY THE HACK ON A CALL TO MAKE SURE WE'D TAKE YOUR CAB!

YOU THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! JUST AS YOU MADE BILL THOMAS YOUR FALL GUY TO COVER UP YOUR HIT-AND-RUN MURDER OF ALEX WEST!

THE RAT HAD IT COMIN' TO HIM! AND I GOT A REAL BANG OUT OF WATCHIN' YOU UNCOVER MY TRAIL, STEP BY STEP! WHEN YOU WANTED TO GO TO MY HANGOUT, I KNEW IT WAS TIME TO STOP YOU!

SO YOU AND THE DAME ARE GOIN' INTO THE RIVER IN THE CAB! IT'LL LOOK LIKE A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT! THE DRIVER'S BODY WON'T EVEN BE FOUND! THAT'S THE ANGLE! GET IT?



AS THE DEATH CAR STOPS FOR A RED LIGHT...

YOUR STORIES SURE HAVE **BIG TOWN** ON ITS TOES, WILSON! THAT'S WHY I'M TAKIN' CARE NOT TO BREAK ANY TRAFFIC LAW! I DON'T WANT ANYONE STOPPIN' **THIS RIDE!**

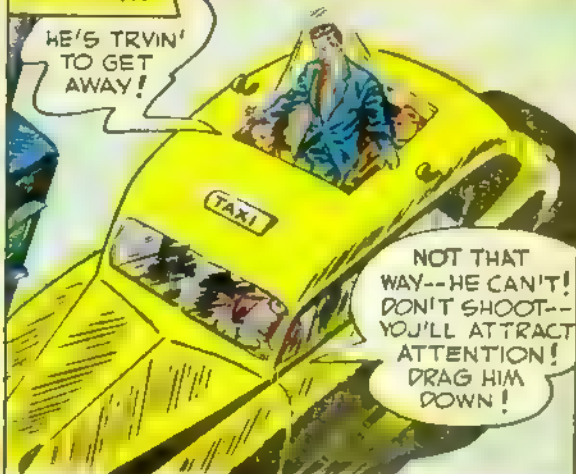
MMMM--HE'S JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA!



INSTANTLY THE FIGHTING REPORTER LEAPS UP AND...

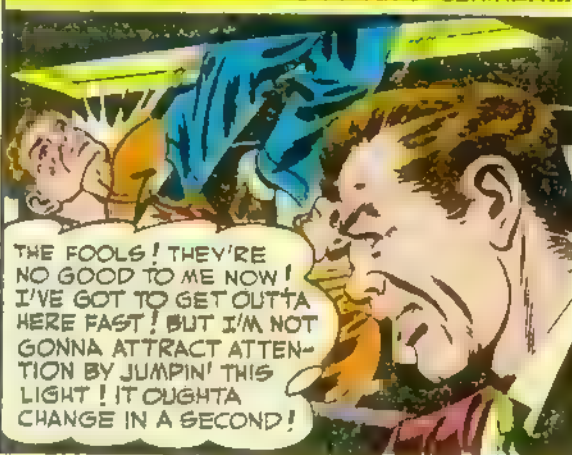
HE'S TRYIN' TO GET AWAY!

NOT THAT WAY--HE CAN'T! DON'T SHOOT--YOU'LL ATTRACT ATTENTION! DRAG HIM DOWN!



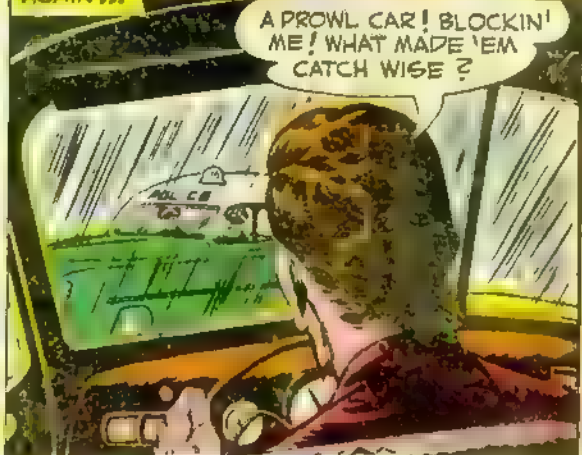
BALANCING HIMSELF ON HIS PERCH, STEVE LASHES BACK AT THE STARTLED GUNMEN...

THE FOOLS! THEY'RE NO GOOD TO ME NOW! I'VE GOT TO GET OUTTA HERE FAST! BUT I'M NOT GONNA ATTRACT ATTENTION BY JUMPIN' THIS LIGHT! IT OUGHTA CHANGE IN A SECOND!



BUT BEFORE THE CANNY KILLER CAN START AGAIN...

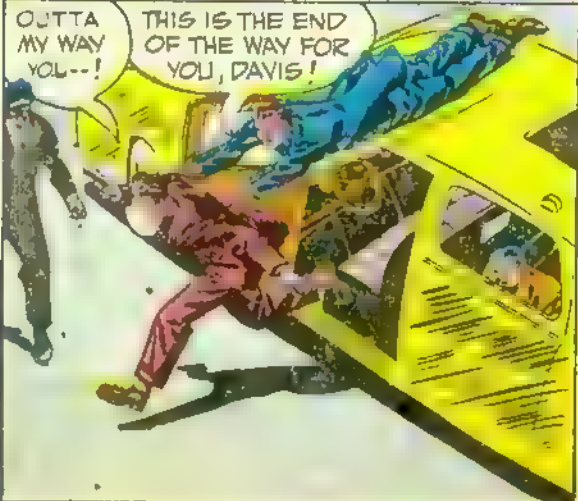
A PROWL CAR! BLOCKIN' ME! WHAT MADE 'EM CATCH WISE?



THE PANICKY CRIMINAL STARTS TO FLEE BUT...

OUTTA MY WAY YOL--!

THIS IS THE END OF THE WAY FOR YOU, DAVIS!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

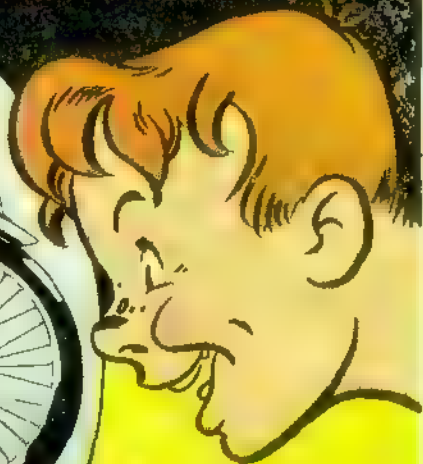
DUE TO YOUR STORIES, WILSON, WE'RE SO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CONSCIOUS, THAT WE STOPPED YOU BEFORE YOU COULD GET HURT, RIDING WITH YOUR HEAD OUT LIKE THAT!

THAT'S WHAT I DEPENDED ON! AND NOW YOU'VE GOT A KILLER! WHAT AN ANGLE!



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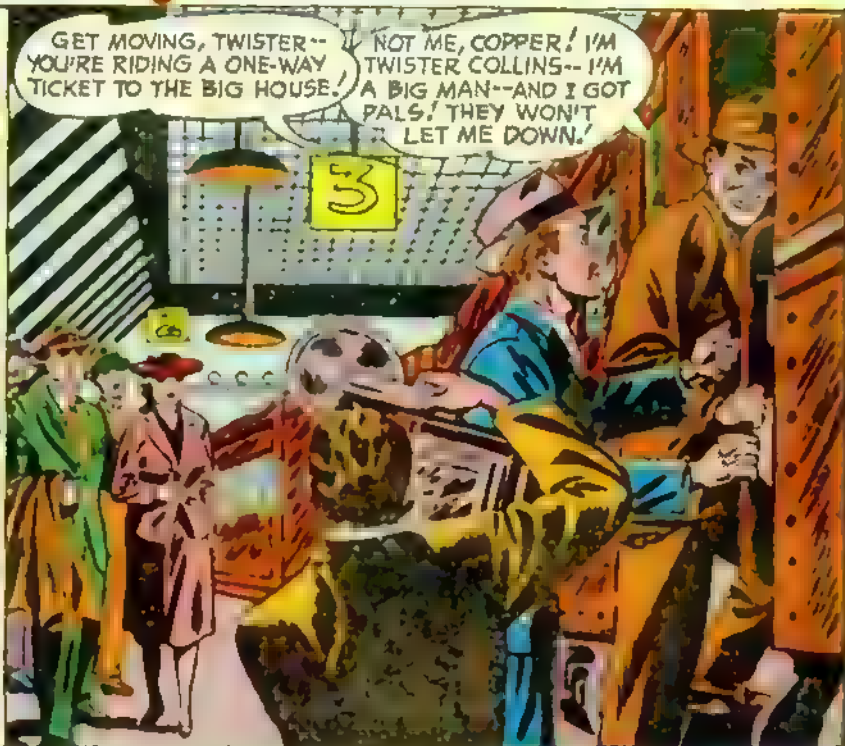
HEADQUARTERS DETECTIVE

WHEN JOHNNY LAW WAS ASSIGNED TO GUARD A DANGEROUS CONVICT ON THE PRISON TRAIN, THE ACE DETECTIVE EXPECTED TROUBLE... BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT DEATH HAD PUNCHED HIS TICKET AND WAS RIDING THE RAILS WITH HIM ON...

THE BIG HOUSE EXPRESS!

GET MOVING, TWISTER-- YOU'RE RIDING A ONE-WAY TICKET TO THE BIG HOUSE.

NOT ME, COPPER! I'M TWISTER COLLINS-- I'M A BIG MAN--AND I GOT PALS! THEY WON'T LET ME DOWN!



TWISTER'S TOO SURE OF HIMSELF! THAT'S WHY THE CHIEF ASSIGNED ME THIS CHORE! IF THE GRAPEVINE WAS RIGHT, TWISTER'S PALS ARE GOING TO PULL SOME STUNT TO GET HIM OFF THIS TRAIN!

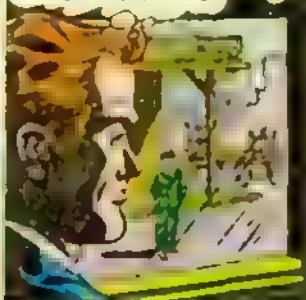


ONE OF TWISTER'S MOB COULD BE RIGHT IN THIS CAR! HE COULD BE ANYBODY! HE COULD BE THAT GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE A SALESMAN--OR EVEN THAT HARMLESS LOOKING BOOKWORM!



ONE HOUR LATER AS THE TRAIN GRINDS TO A HALL...

LOCAL STOP! THEN FROM HERE ON THIS TRAIN IS AN EXPRESS RIGHT THROUGH TO THE PENITENTIARY TOWN! HOPE I DON'T SPROUT ANY GREY HAIRS BEFORE WE GET THERE!





MINUTES LATER, AS THE TRAIN RUSHES TOWARD ITS DESTINATION...

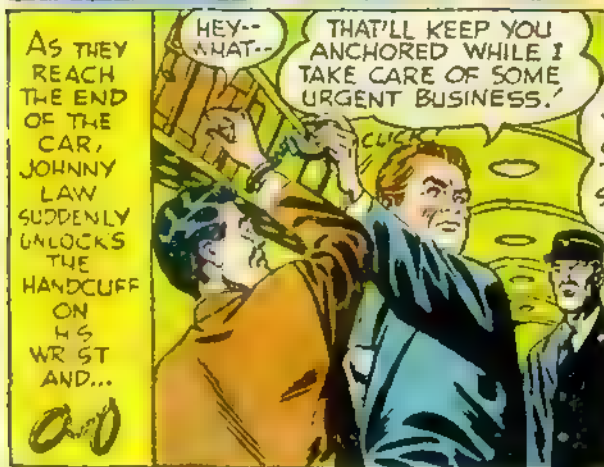
OFFICER, THERE'S BEEN A CANCELLATION OF A PRIVATE COMPARTMENT. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE YOUR PRISONER IN THERE, I COULD ARRANGE IT.

THANKS, CONDUCTOR--IN A PRIVATE COMPARTMENT THERE'D BE THAT MUCH LESS CHANCE OF MY PRISONER ESCAPING.



OH, CONDUCTOR-- COULD YOU TELL ME THE TIME PLEASE?

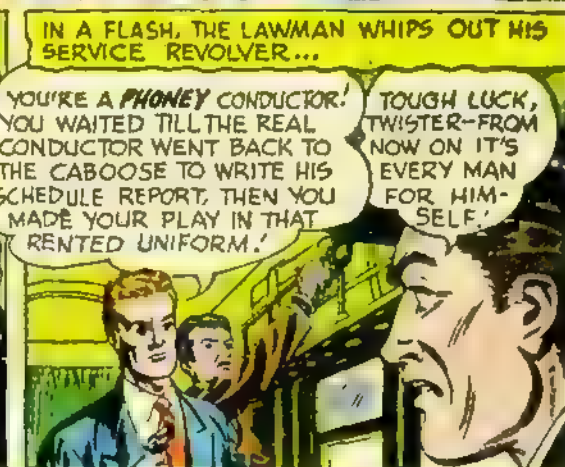
CERTAINLY, MADAM! IT'S TWENTY MINUTES AFTER THREE!



AS THEY REACH THE END OF THE CAR, JOHNNY LAW SUDDENLY UNLOCKS THE HANDCUFF ON HIS WRIST AND...

HEY-- ANAT--

THAT'LL KEEP YOU ANCHORED WHILE I TAKE CARE OF SOME URGENT BUSINESS.



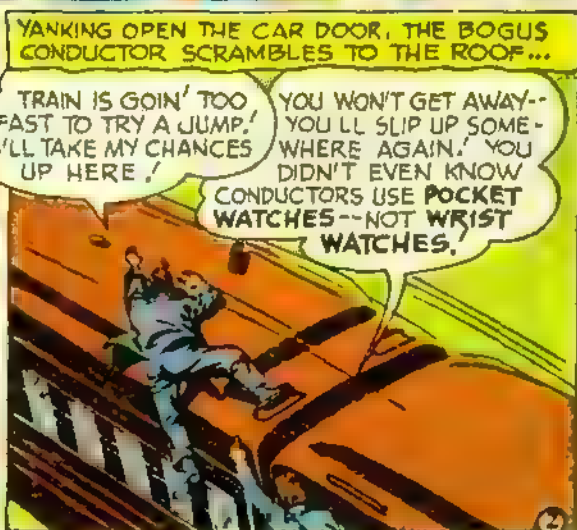
IN A FLASH, THE LAWMAN WHIPS OUT HIS SERVICE REVOLVER...

YOU'RE A **PHONEY** CONDUCTOR! YOU WAITED TILL THE REAL CONDUCTOR WENT BACK TO THE CABOOSE TO WRITE HIS SCHEDULE REPORT, THEN YOU MADE YOUR PLAY IN THAT RENTED UNIFORM!

TOUGH LUCK, TWISTER--FROM NOW ON IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!



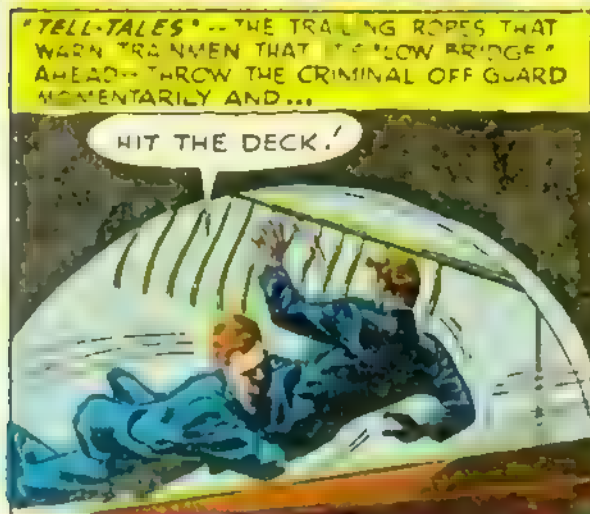
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT WISE, COPPER--BUT I AIN'T STAYIN' TO ASK QUESTIONS.



YANKING OPEN THE CAR DOOR, THE BOGUS CONDUCTOR SCRAMBLES TO THE ROOF...

TRAIN IS GOIN' TOO FAST TO TRY A JUMP! I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES UP HERE!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY-- YOU'LL SLIP UP SOMEWHERE AGAIN! YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW CONDUCTORS USE **POCKET WATCHES**--NOT **WRIST WATCHES**!



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BUT NEVER SLEEPS
AND A BANK BUT
NEVER SAVES?

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YOU ALWAYS BANK ON
FOR DEE-LICIOUS
ENJOYMENT?

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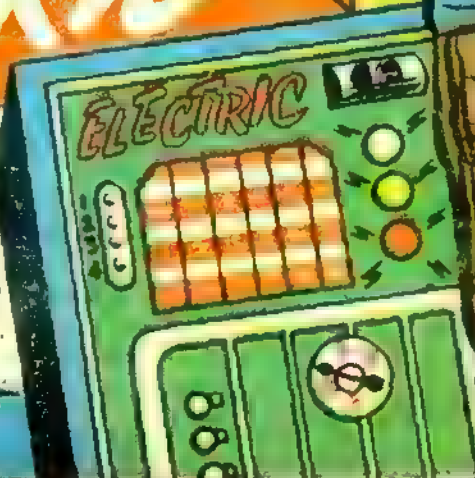
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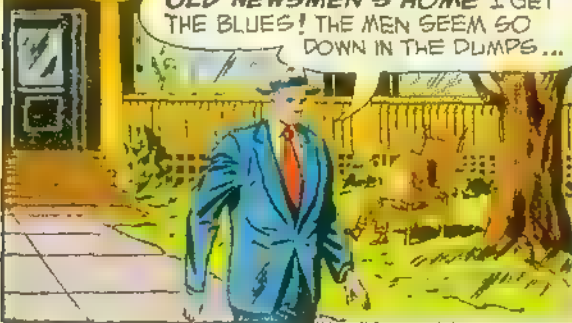
BIG TOWN



Old Newsmen Never Die!

NORTH OF **BIG TOWN** IS THE SUBURBAN HAM-LET OF OAKVILLE ... AND THERE UNDER SHADY TREES ... ONE DAY ...

EVERY TIME I VISIT THE OLD NEWSMEN'S HOME I GET THE BLUES! THE MEN SEEM SO DOWN IN THE DUMPS ...



GUARDIAN ANGEL TO THE OLD NEWSMEN'S HOME, STEVE WILSON HELPED ESTABLISH IT ... AND NOW VISITS IT REGULARLY ...

SOME OF THE BEST REPORTERS WHO EVER LIVED ARE IN THERE ... PINING AWAY! GOOD REWRITE MEN TOO -- AND SPEEDY LINTYPERS WHO ONCE BOWED TO NONE! IF ONLY THEY HAD SOMETHING TO DO BESIDES PLAY CHECKERS!



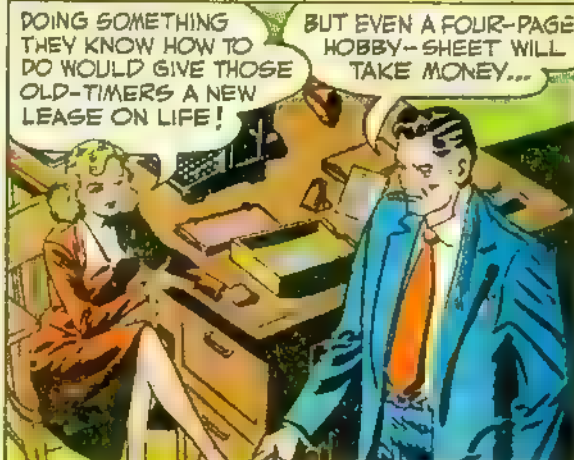
LATER... BACK IN HIS ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE IN BIG TOWN, STEVE COMES UP WITH AN IDEA...



REPORTERS--REWRITE MEN--WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE, LORELEI? THE HOME CAN PUT OUT A NEWS-PAPER!

STEVE, THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA!

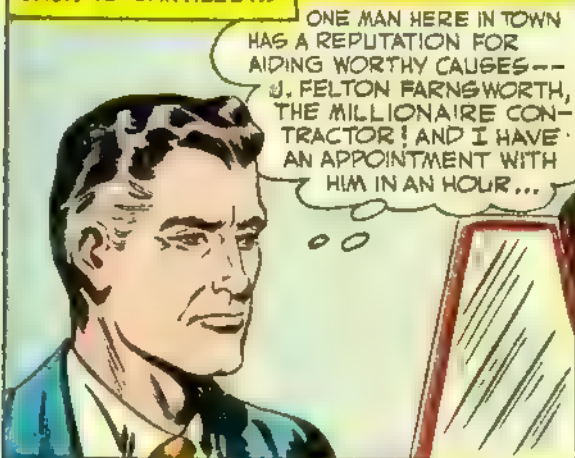
PRETTY LORELEI LEE, WILSON'S GIRL FRIDAY, IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE SCHEME...



DOING SOMETHING THEY KNOW HOW TO DO WOULD GIVE THOSE OLD-TIMERS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE!

BUT EVEN A FOUR-PAGE HOBBY-SHEET WILL TAKE MONEY...

THAT VERY AFTERNOON, STEVE'S CAR WHIRLS BACK TO OAKVILLE...



ONE MAN HERE IN TOWN HAS A REPUTATION FOR AIDING WORTHY CAUSES--J. FELTON FARNSWORTH, THE MILLIONAIRE CONTRACTOR! AND I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM IN AN HOUR...

SOON AFTER... IN THE GLOOM-RIDDEN PARLOR OF THE OLD NEWSMEN'S HOME...



NED, YOU AND I ARE GOING PLACES! GET YOUR HAT!

HUH? I WASN'T FEELING SO GOOD, STEVE--BUT IF YOU INSIST--!

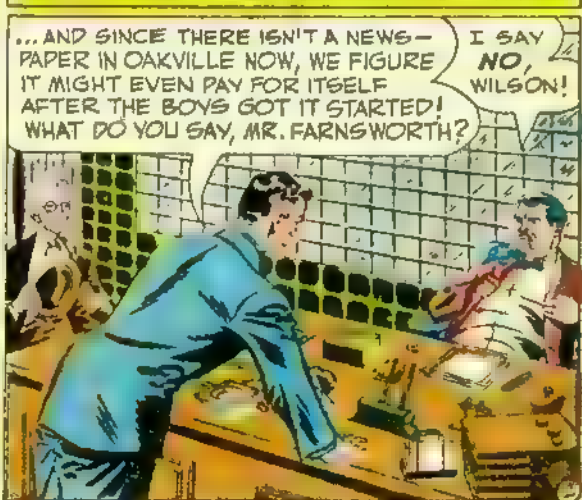
THEN AS EX-REPORTER NED CLAYTON LEARNS OF HIS BENEFACTOR'S PLAN...



WHEEE! STEVE, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT! WHY, JUST THE IDEA OF PUTTING OUT A NEWS-PAPER MAKES ME FEEL YOUNG AGAIN!

LET'S HEAR WHAT MR. FARNSWORTH HAS TO SAY!

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION TYCOON...



...AND SINCE THERE ISN'T A NEWS-PAPER IN OAKVILLE NOW, WE FIGURE IT MIGHT EVEN PAY FOR ITSELF AFTER THE BOYS GOT IT STARTED! WHAT DO YOU SAY, MR. FARNSWORTH?

I SAY NO, WILSON!

WE DON'T NEED ANY SNOOP-
ING REPORTERS IN THIS TOWN!
BESIDES--THOSE OLD HAS-
BEENS AT THE HOME ARE ON
THEIR LAST LEGS! LET THEM
TAKE UP KNITTING IF THEY'RE
BORED--INSTEAD OF MAKING
PESTS OF THEMSELVES!



I'M A VERY BUSY
MAN, GENTLEMEN!
GOOD DAY!



WHEW! FOR A MAN WITH A
REPUTATION FOR CHARITY,
HE SURE IS HARD! BUT
I WONDER...



NED IS THERE ANY
REASON WHY FARNS-
WORTH SHOULD FEAR
HAVING A NEWSPAPER
IN OAKVILLE?



STEVE, I WAS JUST
THINKING THE SAME
THING MYSELF! AND
LISTEN--



HE'S PUTTING UP THE NEW HIGH
SCHOOL ON CLAY STREET! HE WAS
LOW BIDDER--CONTRACTED TO DO
IT FOR \$3,000,000--USING
A-1 MATERIALS! BUT I HAVE A
LOT OF TIME ON MY HANDS, SO
JUST FOR FUN I TOTED
UP THE COST OF A
BUILDING THAT
SIZE--WAIT'LL
I GET OUT MY
BOOK--



TO STEVE'S SURPRISE, THE EX-RE-
PORTER REVEALS A NOTEBOOK
COVERED WITH PAGES OF FIGURES...

IT CAME TO \$4,000,000
AT A MINIMUM FOR LABOR
AND MATERIALS! SO
EITHER FARNSWORTH
IS LOSING
MONEY--



OR HE'S
SKINNING
THE COSTS
SOMEWHERE!
NED, YOU'RE
TERRIFIC!

WELL, A REPORTER DON'T
STOP BEING A REPORTER
JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT
BEING PAID FOR IT, STEVE!
HERE'S THE SCHOOL--

FENCED OFF COM-
PLETELY! BUT WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE A
LOOK IN THERE
ANYWAY...



BOOSTING NED OVER THE FENCE THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS-MAN VAULTS NIMBLY OVER HIMSELF...

MOVING TO THE SUPPLY DUMP, THE DUO BEGINS EXAMINING MATERIALS...

SHH...THERE'LL BE WATCHMEN AROUND--AND WE WANT **THIS** INSPECTION TO BE UNOFFICIAL, NED! KEEP IN THE SHADOWS!

HERE'S THE STEEL HE'S USING, STEVE! LOOKS ALL RIGHT...

BRIGHT PAINT WILL MAKE ANY STEEL LOOK GOOD! LET'S MAKE SURE...

OKAY!

USING HIS POCKETKNIFE, THE CRACK BIG TOWN NEWSHAWK UNCOVERS A TELLTALE MARK...

CONDEMNED STEEL! SO THAT'S HOW HE CUTS COSTS!

LET'S SEE IF HE'S USED THIS STUFF IN THE BUILDING!

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UP IN THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE HALF-FINISHED BUILDING...SOON AFTER...

THE SAME! NED, THIS IS CRIMINAL! THIS BUILDING COULD COLLAPSE IN A COUPLE OF YEARS!

IF IT DOES, YOU TWO WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE IT!

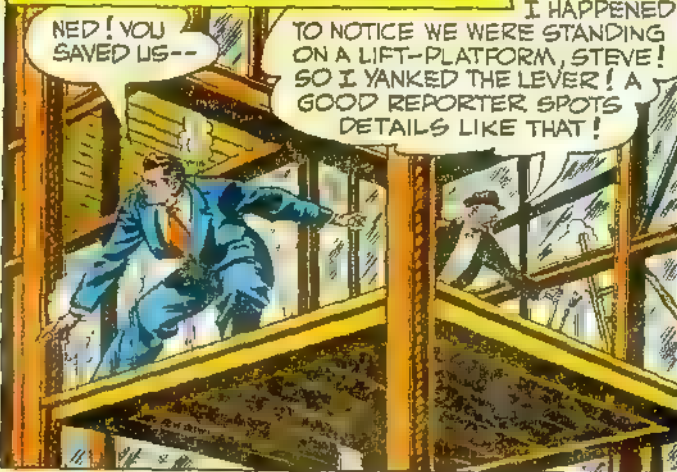
YOU SNOOPS DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU WERE FOLLOWED FROM THE MOMENT YOU LEFT MY OFFICE! I FIGURED A COUPLE OF RUBBER-NECK REPORTERS MIGHT GET NOSEY!

FARNSWORTH!

LET 'EM HAVE IT, MILO! THEY'RE TRESPASSING--AND IN THIS COUNTY IT'S LEGAL TO SHOOT TRESPASSERS!

A SUBMACHINE-GUN! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

SUDDENLY, THE **BIG TOWN** NEWSMAN FEELS THE FLOOR GIVE WAY BENEATH HIS FEET...



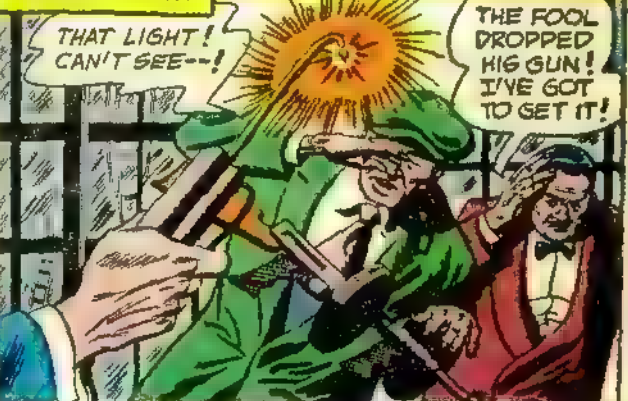
A MOMENT LATER... AT THE GROUND LEVEL...



WITH ONLY SECONDS TO ACT, STEVE SEIZES UP AN ACETYLENE-TORCH FROM THE GROUND NEARBY...



AS THE WATCHMAN PLUNGES FORWARD, A SUDDEN FLAME OF TERRIBLE INTENSITY STABS OUT BEFORE HIM...



BUT WHEN THE CROOKED CONTRACTOR REACHES FOR THE TOMMYGUN...



AS NED GOES FOR THE POLICE, WHILE HIS YOUNG COLLEAGUE GUARDS THE TWO CAPTIVES...

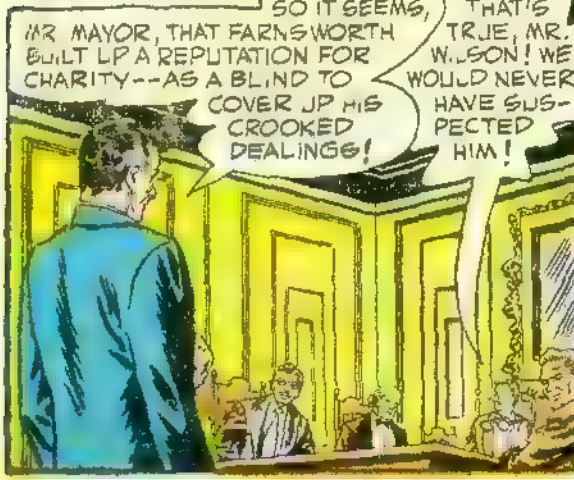




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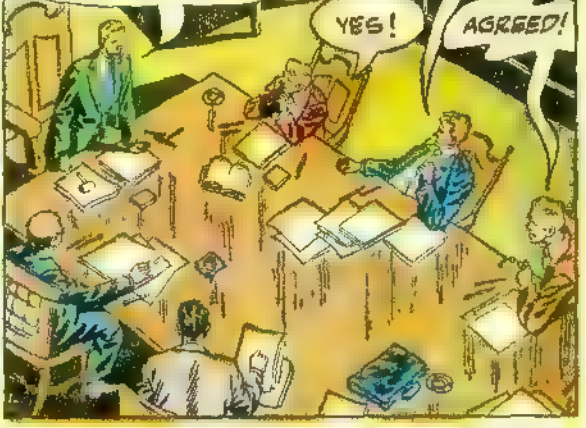
LATER... AFTER FARNSWORTH HAS BEEN ARRESTED... IN THE OFFICE OF OAKVILLE'S TOWN COUNCIL...



MR. MAYOR, THAT FARNSWORTH BUILT UP A REPUTATION FOR CHARITY--AS A BLIND TO COVER UP HIS CROOKED DEALINGS!

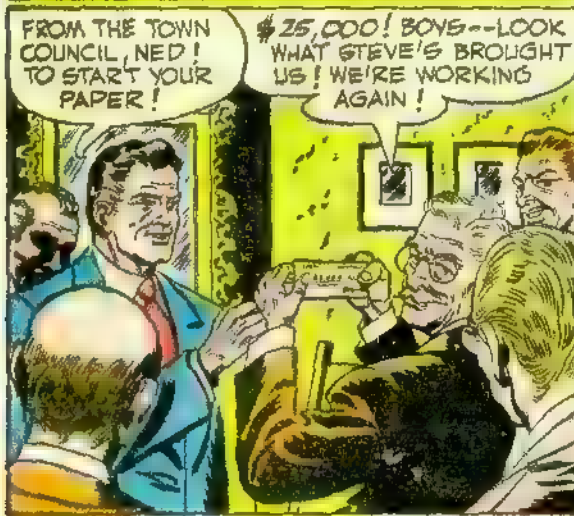
SO IT SEEMS, THAT'S TRUE, MR. WILSON! WE WOULD NEVER HAVE SUSPECTED HIM!

THIS INCIDENT PROVES THAT WE NEED A NEWSPAPER HERE IN OAKVILLE! GENTLEMEN, I MOVE THAT WE OURSELVES BACK MR. WILSON'S PLAN!



YES!
YES!
YES!
AGREED!

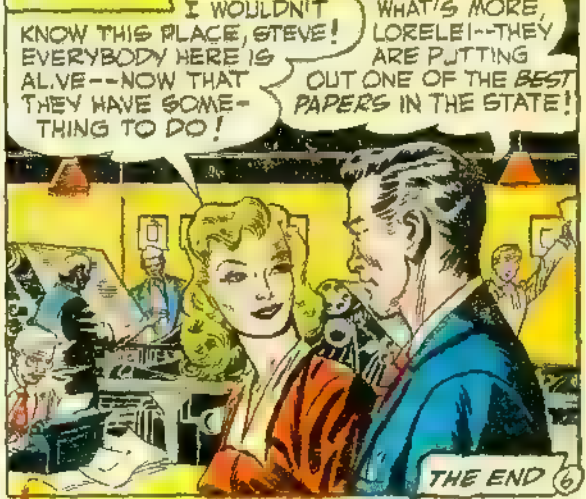
THAT AFTERNOON... STEVE DELIVERS A SURPRISE GIFT TO THE OLD NEWSMEN'S HOME...



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NOT LONG AFTERWARD... THE INTERIOR OF THE NEWSMEN'S HOME HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY...



I WOULDN'T KNOW THIS PLACE, STEVE! EVERYBODY HERE IS ALIVE--NOW THAT THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO!

WHAT'S MORE, LORELEI--THEY ARE PUTTING OUT ONE OF THE BEST PAPERS IN THE STATE!

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CONGRESSMAN JONATHAN CILLEY ATTACKED THE CHARACTER OF COLONEL JAMES WATSON, PUBLISHER OF THE NEW YORK **COURIER** AND **ENQUIRER**, IN A DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WHEN WATSON ISSUED HIS DUELLING CHALLENGE, THE CONGRESSMAN TURNED HIM DOWN, BUT SENT A **SECOND** IN HIS PLACE. IN THIS CASE, THE CHALLENGER WAS KILLED.

IN ANOTHER CASE OF A MAN DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO DEFEND HIS HONOR, THOMAS RITCHIE, JR. OF THE RICHMOND **ENQUIRER** FOUGHT JOHN H. PLEASANTS OF THE RICHMOND WHIG WITH BOTH SWORDS AND PISTOLS. THE SURVIVOR, RITCHIE, WAS TRIED FOR MURDER AND ACQUITTED...



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